DEDICATING THE WEEK

to St. Anthony of Padua

DEDICATING THE WEEK
to St. Anthony of Padua

This precious booklet contains a brief prayer to St. Anthony for every day of the week.

Devout clients of St. Anthony, cherish this pamphlet; pray daily to the Saint of Miracles, and you will experience many salutary effects.

Toward the end of the booklet you will find prayers that you may recite in preparation to the feast of St. Anthony.

The Mission children will remember you in a particular way during the Thirteen Tuesday services and other novenas in honor of St. Anthony. Will you also remember the Mission children in your charity?

The Director

Nihil Obstat:

Jude J. Mili, O.F.M., S.T.D.

Imprimi Potest:

Matthew M. De Benedictis, O.F.M., Ph. D. Provincial

Monday

PRAYER

O glorious St. Anthony, my powerful advocate, by reason of the confidence and love I have placed in you, deign to cast your loving glance upon me.

O great Saint, you who have worked so many miracles and dispensed so many graces in favor of all those who invoke you, I beseech you to have mercy also on me, your devout client, who am in such great need of your assistance.

Maxim of the Saint: - It is necessary to accompany one's good works with heartfelt compassion, for he who gives with his heart, gives something of himself.

Spiritual Bouquet: - Pray for the conversion of sinners.

Tuesday

PRAYER

If charity is a distinguishing mark of Your true disciples, O Lord, then I must confess that until now I have been far from one of Your followers. I propose, through your grace and through the intercession of my protector, St. Anthony, to amend myself by striving to love, forgive and assist my neighbor on every occasion.

Maxim of the Saint: - In order that charity toward God be perfect, it is necessary that it be extended also to one's neighbor by assisting him in his needs and forgiving him his faults. Do this and you will live.

Spiritual Bouquet: - Perform an act of spiritual or corporal mercy toward a needy neighbor.

Wednesday

PRAYER

You, o my God, deigned to provide me with the instrument of prayer as an infallible source of eternal riches and a powerful weapon against my spiritual enemies; and I, through negligence and laziness, have thus far failed to avail myself of this rich and gratuitous treasure. Please forgive me, for from now on I intend, in imitation of dear St. Anthony, to pray more frequently and more fervently.

Maxim of the Saint: - Have great trust and confidence in your prayers. Do not become disturbed, if the Lord fails to answer your pleas immediately. He delays, because He wishes to increase your merits.

Spiritual Bouquet: - Give yourself up to frequent prayer, because without it, it is impossible to obtain what you need.

Thursday

PRAYER

How often, o my Lord, in the midst of life's sorrows and trials, I have wavered over Your promises and placed my confidence in men rather than in You! Have pity on me, a poor sinner, and, through the intercession of the glorious St. Anthony, my advocate, strengthen my hope and help me in my present necessities.

Maxim of the Saint: - Hope, if it is not to degenerate into presumption, must be based on the merits and promises of Christ and must be accompanied by a holy fear of the Lord, the beginning of wisdom.

Spiritual Bouquet: - Abandon yourself completely into the hands of Divine Providence.

Friday

PRAYER

With how much tepidity have I loved You thus far, o my Lord, despite continuous proof of Your love for me! Please extinguish within my heart all affection for the things of this world and light therein a spark of the charity that burned within the heart of St. Anthony, so that, loving you with all my heart, I may merit Your blessings here on earth and happiness in heaven.

Maxim of the Saint: - Charity or the love of God is the goal of every virtue. Without charity, no prayer is acceptable to the Lord, and our good works are useless in relation to eternal life.

Spiritual Bouquet: - Make frequent acts of love toward God.

PRAYER

If, o my God, You reserve your glances of approval only for innocent souls, then I should remove myself forever from You, so as not to offend Your sight. But where can I go, away from You? Please purify my heart and, through the intercession of St. Anthony, lily of purity, cleanse my soul from every stain so that I may appear before You without fear.

Maxim of the Saint: - Purity of heart is the altar on which burns the incense of devotion and on which God casts His loving and merciful glances.

Spiritual Bouquet: - Flee all those occasions which endanger your virtue of purity.

Sunday

PRAYER

O my God, prostrate at Your feet, I earnestly implore You to place within my heart that living and active faith which characterized St. Anthony. I have not yet lost the faith that I received in holy Baptism, but I feel it to be very weak. Through Your grace and through the intercession of my Protector, St. Anthony, I wish from now on to show myself as Your true disciple.

Maxim of the Saint: - To believe without bothering to perform good works amounts to laughing in the face of God.

Spiritual Bouquet: - Learn to despise all worldly considerations.

PRAYERS
TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

(during Triduum, Novena, Thirteen Tuesdays, etc.)

I. - O glorious St. Anthony of Padua, who at an early age clearly realized the utter nothingness of earthly things and who, renouncing all wordly ambition consecrated yourself to the service of God, I beg you to secure for me the necessary strength to correspond more fervently with the many graces of the Lord and with His divine inspirations. I beseech you, through your powerful intercession, to obtain for me the grace that I ask, if it be in conformity with the Divine Will. Regard not the lack of merit on my part, but consider the prayers in my behalf by your sacrificing missionaries.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

II. - Your heroic humility, o great Saint, inspires me with the necessary courage to approach you with confidence and to ask for your powerful patronage in my appeal for the grace I so ardently desire. Obtain for me sincere and profound humility, so as to render my prayer more acceptable to the Lord. Secure for me the grace that I ask, not on the strength of my own merits, but because of the confidence I have placed in the prayers of the children of the Missions.

Our Father; Hail Mary, Glory be.

III. - O admirable St. Anthony, whose fervor of virtue and ardent love of God caused the

very angels to regard you with wonder, I beseech you to instill in my heart part of your burning charity, so that I may more faithfully fulfill my obligations toward God. And I implore you, out of the great love you bore for Jesus, to console my afflicted heart in this hour of need by granting the grace I confidently ask for through the intercession of the children of the Missions.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

IV. - O most amiable St. Anthony, whose charity and apostolic zeal were so great and extensive as to dedicate yourself entirely to relieving the material and spiritual needs of others, please intercede for me and ask God to grant me genuine charity toward my neighbor, and sincere concern for the salvation of souls and for relief of the poor. You, who provide comfort and solace to all who confidently approach you, heed my prayer, considering my promise to make an offering in favor of your poor little Mission children.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

V. O glorious St. Anthony, whose most tender affection for the august Queen of Heaven led you to become one of her greatest champions, obtain for me, I beseech you, a sincere devotion to this most amiable Mother, so that she may rise to my defense and protection in the continuous perils of life. Employ the power of your intercession with her and ask her to grant me comfort in my present affliction Consider especially the prayers offered you in my behalf by your poor and innocent Mission children to whom I have already forwarded a contribution in your honor. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

PRAYER

(in thanksgiving for favors received)

My most amiable Protector, St. Anthony of Padua, I come kneeling at your feet, full of gratitude and appreciation, to thank you for the wonderful favor you have granted me in answer to my unworthy prayers and through the intercession of your beloved Missionaries.

In the midst of my afflictions and anguish, your powerful intercession was the one ray of hope left to me. Now the day of consolation has arrived for me, because you have deigned to pray to the Most High God and to answer my humble prayer, as well as that of so many Mission children.

May you be blessed, o powerful Wonder-Worker, and may your merits be a continuous hymn of praise to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and to the Most Blessed Virgin for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

O most amiable Protector, St. Anthony of Padua, what worthy gift can I possibly offer you to show my gratitude?

I have nothing that is worthy of you; but I offer you all the esteem, in which you are continuously held throughout the world, and all the miracles with which you have filled the Church, even to the benefit of those outside its fold: all these, admirable Saint Anthony, please express my humble thanks for everything to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary through endless ages. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

LITANY OF ST. ANTHONY

(For Private Use)

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
St. Anthony, of Padua,
St. Anthony, glory of the Friars Minor,
St. Anthony, ark of the testament,
St. Anthony, sanctuary of heavenly wisdom,
St. Anthony, exterminator of worldly vanity,
St. Anthony, conqueror of concupiscence,
St. Anthony, example of humility,
St. Anthony, lover of the Cross,
St. Anthony, martyr of desire,
St. Anthony, furnace of charity,
St. Anthony, zealous for justice,
St. Anthony, terror of infidels,
St. Anthony, model of perfection,
St. Anthony, consoler of the afflicted,
St. Anthony, restorer of lost things,
St. Anthony, defender of innocence,
St. Anthony, liberator of prisoners,
St. Anthony, guide of pilgrims,
St. Anthony, restorer of health.

Pray for us

St. Anthony, performer of miracles,
St. Anthony, restorer of speech to the mute,
St. Anthony, restorer of hearing to the deaf,
St. Anthony, restorer of sight to the blind,
St. Anthony, disperser of devils,
St. Anthony, resuscitator of the dead,
St. Anthony, subduer of tyrants,
Pray for us

From the snares of the devil, St. Anthony deliver us.

From thunder, lightning and storms, St. Anthony deliver us.

From all evil of body and soul, St. Anthony deliver us.

Through your intercession, St. Anthony protect us.

Throughout the course of life, St. Anthony protect us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

℣. St. Anthony, pray for us.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

O my God, may the pious commemoration of St. Anthony, Your Confessor and Doctor, give joy to Your Church, that she may ever be strengthened with Your spiritual assistance and merit to attain everlasting joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOW MAY YOU HELP THE MISSION CHILDREN?

Perform an act of charity

by sending a monthly contribution.

by making a substantial contribution, thereby, becoming a permanent benefactor, entitled to share in all the prayers and good works of the children of the Missions.

by sending a specified monthly contribution toward the support of a Missionary or a Mission child.

by mentioning the needs of the Mission children to generous persons, and sending the names and addresses of worthy benefactors.

When mailing your contribution, please use the following address:

Franciscan Mission Associates
P. O. Box 598
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

All contributions are tax deductible.

WHO PRAYS FOR YOU?

A whole legion of Mission children pray for you. These children live in the Missions of Central America. They are innocent and frequently suffer for the sins of others: wars, violence, betrayals Sometimes they are merely the victims of death, which has snatched away their parents. At any rate, they are provided with a home through the Missions.

WHY ?

Because they expect an offering **from you.** What other source of support is open to these children other than the compassion of good and kind people? The selfish go along their merry way, closing their eyes and ears to the suffering and misery around them. But not you. Could you ever refuse to help a Mission child?

WHAT IS THE REWARD?

Prayers for you and your family by all the children of the Missions and their heartfelt thanks. Moreover, God Himself gives assurance that any offering made in behalf of the Mission children shall be multiplied a hundredfold in heaven. For to give assistance to the hungry and thirsty is tc extend charity to Christ Himself, thereby insuring one's own eternal salvation. **There is your reward.**

Arti Grafiche FAVIA - Bari-Roma

Printed in Italy